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SUBJECT: PL 480, TITLE II - UNICEF MCH PROGRAM

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BRIAN JONES, REGIONAL UNICEF DIRECTOR, CALLED AT CONGEN
FEBRUARY 11. HE STILL HAD NOT MET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND THEREFORE DISCUSSED PROPOSED UNICEF PROGRAM ONLY IN
GENERAL TERMS. HE TOLD US FOLLOWING:

1. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HAS APPROVED DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY
5,000 TONS OF FOOD TO MOZAMBIQUE, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:
3,240 TONS OF MAIZE, 540 TONS OF DRIED SKIM MILK, AND 810 TONS
OF PULSES. FOOD WOULD BE USED FOR FAMINE IN CENTRAL AND
NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE, FEEDING 200,000 CHILDREN AND 50,000 ADULTS
DURING THREE-MONTH PERIOD. TIPPENHAUER, DUTCH WFP REP RESIDENT
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IN SWAZILAND, MADE SURVEY IN JANUARY OF MOZAMBIQUE EMERGENCY

FOOD RELIEF NEEDS.

2. UNICEF IS CONSIDERING \$2 MILLION EMERGENCY PROGRAM IN MOZAMBIQUE, FUNDED AS FOLLOWS: \$300,000 FROM EMERGENCY UNICEF RESERVES; \$700,000 FROM REGULAR UNICEF BUDGET; AND \$1 MILLION RAISED FROM SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. UNICEF INTENDS TO ASK FOR FOOD CONTRIBUTION FROM U.S., PREFERABLY CSM. DONATIONS OF FOOD WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED FROM OTHER DONORS SUCH AS SWITZERLAND, HOLLAND, WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS PARA 3, REFTEL, JONES SAID: (A) UNICEF WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE AND LOCAL WAGES NOT BORNE BY MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT; (B) DECISION ON UNICEF STAFFING IN MOZAMBIQUE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SURVEY COMPLETED BUT IT IS NOT EXCLUDED; (C) ADEQUATE WAREHOUSING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AT CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION POINTS OF BEIRA AND LOURENCO MARQUES BUT WAREHOUSING AT DISTRIBUTION LEVELS MAY BE PROBLEM, REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY. IN DISCUSSING TRANSPORTATION, JONES SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED LACK OF SPARE PARTS AND TIRES FOR TRUCKS MAY BE BOTTLENECK IN DISTRIBUTION. UNICEF AND/OR GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING TO MAKE TRUCKS OPERATIONAL.

4. JONES WAS ALREADY AWARE FROM UNICEF THAT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAD TURNED DOWN U.S. FAMINE ASSISTANCE AND SAID HE ASSUMED IT WAS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. HE SAID HE WILL TELL MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF AND THAT CSM IS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM U.S.

5. JONES WILL CHECK BACK WITH CONGEN AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT. WE WILL WITH HOLD OUR APPRAISAL UNTIL THEN.
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